

FACILITATED BALLOON CATHETER EXCHANGE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A balloon catheter comprises a catheter body, a balloon at a distal end of the catheter body, and a guidewire tube within the balloon and separate from the catheter body. A catheter may be introduced over a guidewire by passing the guidewire through a guidewire lumen in the guidewire tube. No guidewire lumen is provided within the catheter body.

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